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Antiaircraft Defense - Ruse

1. Antiaircraft artillery observation posts have been newly established in Tutrakan and Zafirovo (N 44-00, E 26-50), Tutrakan Okoliya. Each post is manned by three soldiers and a Starshi Serzhant. [redacted] there are guns at these posts but the caliber and type are unknown. The post in Tutrakan is located in the "Shermets" quarter, in an open market place on the hill in the southern sector of the city. The post in Zafirovo is located next to the Post Office in a building which formerly housed the municipal offices.
2. Antiaircraft artillery units in Ruse are located as follows:
 - a. On "Srubcheto" hill;
 - b. Near the sugar factory, east of the city proper between the Danube River and the Ruse-Silistra highway;
 - c. In the vicinity of the Hadzhi Genovata Cheshma (the Hadzhi Genov fountain) located on the Ruse-Razgrad railroad line, approximately five kilometers from the center of the city; and
 - d. At the place known as "Tsaperkata", located near the "Georgi Dimitrov" factory.
3. Old bomb shelters in Ruse have been repaired and electrified. In addition, about 12 new shelters of unknown size and construction are being built. These are located along the eastern bank of the Lom River and also in the area between the ferry boat landing on the Danube and the Eastern railroad station.

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New Airfield in Ruse Area

4. A new airfield is under construction in an area called "Slatina", bounded by Ruse, Gagalya (N 43-52, E 26-08) and Marten (N 43-55, E 26-05) villages. It is about two kilometers north of the Ruse-Gagalya road. The date on which construction was started is unknown. However, a completed landing strip can be observed from the Gagalya-Ruse road. The type of construction, dimensions, and orientation of strip are unknown. the field is already in operation but the type of aircraft using it is unknown. Construction of an aircraft hangar can also be seen from the road but its size and type was not determined.

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Call up and Release of Conscripts

5. In the Ruse area, the 1933 and 1934 Nabors (classes) were called up for military service in September 1953. The 1930 Nabor was released in October 1953.

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